

### *Treasury and Treasurer*

Mary alone forms the boundary between created and uncreated nature, and no one can come to God except through her and the Mediator born of her, and none of God's gifts can be bestowed on angels or men except through her. As in the case with lamps on earth constructed of glass or some other transparent material, it is impossible to look at the light or enjoy its rays except through the lamp, so it is beyond the reach of all to look upwards to God or be helped by Him to make progress in any direction, except through the Ever-Virgin, this God-bearing lamp who is truly radiant with divine brightness. "God is in the midst of her," it says, "she shall not be moved" (Ps 46: 5).

If God requites us according to the measure of our love for Him, and he who loves the Son is loved by Him and by His Father, and becomes

in a mysterious way the dwelling of Both, as they make their home and walk in his soul, as the Lord promised (Jn 14: 23; cf. 2 Cor 6: 16), who could love Him more than His Mother? For not only was He her only Son, but she bore Him on her own without a spouse, so her parental love was naturally double, not being shared with a partner.

Thus she is both the treasury and the treasurer of the riches of the Godhead, and the highest ranks of Cherubim look to her and trust in her. They, above all others, are seized with longing for her, as, more than all others, they long for the outpouring of light and the granting of indescribable divine graces which come through her.

*St. Gregory Palamas*

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of the Nativity of the Theotokos, the Mother of God — September 8th*



## Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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### September 6, 2026 15th Sunday After Pentecost Schedule of Services

|               |           |                                                                                                                                                                             |
|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>6</b>  | <b><u>15th Sunday After Pentecost</u></b><br>9:00 AM Matins<br>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners                                                 |
| <b>Monday</b> | <b>7</b>  | <b><u>Vigil of the Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God</u></b><br>7:00 PM Vespers w/ Divine Liturgy -<br>Health & Salvation of Mary Ellen Haber by Ken & Karen Krown |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>13</b> | <b><u>Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</u></b><br>9:00 AM Matins<br>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners                              |

#### We pray for the sick and homebound of our parish, especially:

|                  |                |                    |                   |
|------------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Dot Wochok       | Mary Ann Baran | Mary Ann Horne     | Gary Dorencz      |
| Michele Lewis    | Kim Hughes     | Marilyn Lopez      |                   |
| Bonnie Hughes-wc | Lea Popek - wc | Claire Resuta - wc | Abbie Sheedy - wc |

## Annunciation of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Parish

*In all decisions regarding parish membership and Sacramental life, the pastor exercises the final decision and the confidentiality of the persons involved must be respected.*

**Parish Membership** is determined by three things:

1. Being registered in the parish for a sufficient amount of time
2. Faithful and consistent participation in the liturgical life of the parish especially on Sundays and Holy days.
3. Regular financial support of the parish. Use of offertory envelopes by parish members is required for weekly donations

**The Sacred Mysteries of Baptism, Chrismation and Matrimony** are available only to those persons who comply with the above requirements of parish membership.

**A Biblically based stewardship** is part of the vision of Annunciation parish. Parishioners are encouraged to practicing tithing and also to consider Annunciation parish in planned giving such as trust funds, etc.

**Couples who are planning to be married** at Annunciation parish must be free to be married in the Church and must contact the pastor at least six months prior to their proposed wedding date. Persons applying for annulments of a previous marriage should not set a Church wedding date unless their annulment has been granted.

**Couples who are cohabitating or involved in same sex civil unions or so-called same sex "marriages,"** as well as couples who are contracepting are asked to seek the pastor's help in understanding the Church's teaching and in conforming their lives to the moral teaching of the Church. Such persons **cannot receive Holy Communion** until their lives are reconciled with the Church.

**Parish members entering the hospital or who are home-bound** should contact the pastor or parish business office.

**Prior to undergoing surgery or going under anesthesia** parish members should contact the pastor.

**No eulogies** or public addresses by laity are permitted during funeral services.

**Cremation is permitted but not encouraged.** Ashes are not permitted in the church. Funeral services with the body of the deceased in the church must take place prior to cremation. Ashes are to be buried according to the burial rite of the Church. Ashes cannot be scattered or kept in homes.

**Appropriate behavior and dress** are required for all liturgical services. No audible conversations, or waving across the church. Electronic devices must be turned off. No food, candy, or gum chewing. Dress code is formal and modest for all services.

**Abstinence from meat is to be observed every Friday.** If this is not possible an equivalent penitential practice is to be observed.

## Renewed Eparchial Midwest Pilgrimage 2026

St. Mary, Whiting, Indiana

*"For those who are burdened, come take rest beneath the veil of Our Lady of the Protection."*

### Friday, October 2, 2026

6 PM Candlelit Compline — Shrine of the Protection

7-9 PM Bonfire Chat — with Bishop Robert at the Byzantine Café

*Snacks included | Come share your conversion story!*

### Saturday, October 3, 2026

9 AM Moleben to the Mother of God — Searcher for the Lost Prayer Garden

*Bring names of fallen away Christians to pray for their return!*

10 AM Adult Speaker & Children's Activity

12 PM Lunch

1-6:30 PM Confessions

2 PM Adult Speaker & Children's Activity

4-6:30 PM All-Night Vigil (Vespers & Matins)

6:30-8 PM Ethnic Dinner

8 PM Family Square Dancing

### Sunday, October 4, 2026

9-10:30 AM Confessions

9:45 AM Akathist to the Mother of God

10:30 AM — Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Procession of the Four Gospels

12:30 PM Lunch



#### Additional Information

- Provisional schedule as of July 1
- Host families available for out-of-town guests
- Discounted hotel rates available
- [stmarywhiting@parma.org](mailto:stmarywhiting@parma.org)



THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC  
EPARCHY OF PARMA

## Charting the Course:

Renewing Byzantine Catholic Life in the Heartland

October 17 - 19, 2026

St John Chrysostom - Columbus, OH

The Eparchy of Parma invites all clergy and faithful to take part in the open Preparatory Gathering of the 2026 Eparchial Assembly - a shared moment of praying, listening, and learning as we set sail on a renewed journey of mission and vision. The first, public phase welcomes everyone aboard the "Holy Flotilla" of DiscipleSHIP, WorSHIP, FellowSHIP, and StewardSHIP, and will provide the spiritual and pastoral grounding that informs and orients the formally convoked members as they continue into the invitation-only canonical sessions that follow.

Participation in all liturgical services, presentation, and discussions is **FREE**. Meal tickets are available for those who wish to join the community meals, though attendees may also choose to dine off-site.



REGISTER by September 7:

[www.parma.org/eparchial-assembly](http://www.parma.org/eparchial-assembly)



Life Chain



LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY

**Sunday, October 4**  
**2:00pm - 3:30pm**

Tinley / Orland Park  
Our spot is on the North side of 159th St  
by Home Depot, west of the stop light

LIFE CHAIN is an annual, nationwide, peaceful, prayerful hour of silence on public sidewalks supporting the dignity of and right to life. Many thousands of churches participate each year in this annual event of prayer and witness to the sanctity of unborn life.



# Grand Raffle Update

1st Early Bird Drawing - Sunday, October 11th

2nd Early Bird Drawing - Sunday, November 15th

Grand Drawing - Sunday, December 13th

Countdown - 99 Days

Grand Prize - \$5,000

## RAFFLE TICKET SALES UPDATE

Keep up the good efforts...

Dont' stop now!

|        | # of Tickets | Amount   | %      |
|--------|--------------|----------|--------|
| Goal   | 350          | \$35,000 | 100%   |
| Sold   | (124)        | (12,400) | 35.43% |
| Unsold | 226          | \$22,600 | 64.57% |

NEED MORE TICKETS?...SEE ROBERT PALASZ

**“TICKET WARRIORS”** - Parishioners who have already SOLD tickets

Steve & Roberta Bieniek, Mary Cimbalista, Dennis & Gerry Davis, Dennis Dombrowski, Gary & Sharon Dorencz, Steven & Angelica Eichstaedt, Linda Gaydos, Anne Gazzolo, Bill Gulas, George & Kim Gulas, Maria Gulas, Bob & Sheila Horne, Mary Ann Horne, Bill & Susan Izquierdo, Laura Kizior, Jeremy & Michele Lewis, Constance Malinowski, Thomas Mega, John Meseke, Dennis & Cynthia Mrowca, Cecelia Okonski, Richard Palasz, Robert & Jean Palasz, Sonny Pawchak, Georgia Peceniak, Frank & Kathy Reinhardt, Daniel Snidauf, Matthew & Abbie Sheedy, Michael Sheedy, Bill & Nancy Withers, Daryl & Mary Jean Wuske

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL EVENT  
co-sponsored by Catholic Citizens of Illinois  
and Sag Bridge Mission Society

## A Feast for the Soul

AN EVENING OF  
Goodness, Truth,  
and Beauty  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

5:00 PM  
DINNER  
Share a festive family-style meal with friends at Clara's Restaurant 6550 Route 53, Woodridge, Illinois

6:00 PM  
SPEAKER  
*His Duelling Among Us...*  
Renowned sacred artist Sarah Crow will speak about the "language" of sacred architecture and the way in which Catholic theology is expressed sublimely in the transcendent beauty of late Romanesque and Gothic churches, abbeys and cathedrals

7:30 PM  
MOVIE  
Walk or drive to the nearby Seven Bridges Theatre for a special showing on the big screen of *Word on Fire* and Bishop Barron's new documentary *Heaven in Stone and Glass*

AMDG  
DINNER \$35 PER PERSON  
MOVIE TICKETS \$10.50 PER PERSON  
Seating is limited - Register by Sept. 9th  
Scan to register  
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT Event Planner at (630) 862-9236



Join Mary's Helpers on their next outing:

## The Shrine of Christ's Passion

Wednesday, Sept 16, 2026

All are welcome on this trip to visit the Shrine of Christ's Passion in St John, IN. We will leave church at 9AM, visit the shrine and then stop for lunch at Teibel's before returning to church. The cost of the tram at the shrine is \$10. Lunch cost is on your own.



## Parish Yard Sale

Sept 11th & 12th

8am - 3pm



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byzantinecatholic.com

The last day to donate for the yard sale is this Tuesday, Sept 8th. Thank you for your cooperation.